

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10, 11, 13-15, 17, 18, 21-24, 27, 28 and 30 in light of the prosecution in the parent application indicated above, serial number 09/642,162, filed August 18, 2000.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (original) A barrier structure comprising a continuous piece of elongated metal tape, said metal tape comprising:

barbs spaced along an elongate body, each of said barbs connected securely to a barb root, each barb root being connected securely to the elongate body and each of said barbs forming a barb point;

a first region of said elongate body adjacent to each barb root;

a second region of said elongate body adjacent to each first region distal from said adjacent barb root; and

a third region of said elongate body adjacent to each second region distal from said first region, each third region extending lengthwise from each second region and meeting a corresponding third region extending lengthwise away from another second region;

wherein each second region extends transversely and inwardly from said adjacent first region and said adjacent third region.

Claim 2. (original) The structure of claim 1, wherein each first region extends away from said barb root a distance of approximately 0.25 inch.

Claim 3. (original) The structure of claim 1, wherein each second region comprises an arcuate cutout.

Claim 4. (original) The structure of claim 1, wherein each of said barb roots is connected to a pair of barbs, said pair of barbs pointing in opposite directions along a longitudinal axis of said tape.

Claim 5. (original) The structure of claim 4, wherein a distance between barb points of said pair of barbs is the same as a distance between adjacent said second regions of said tape.

Claim 6. (original) The structure of claim 1, wherein said elongate body defines a channel running along the entire length of said tape.

Claim 7. (original) The structure of claim 6, wherein said channel receives a reinforcing wire, said reinforcing wire being held in place by pressure exerted by walls of said channel.

Claim 8. (original) A barrier structure comprising a continuous piece of elongated metal tape, said metal tape comprising:

- an elongate body defining a longitudinally extending channel and a pair of elongate flanges extending transversely from each side of said channel;

- barb roots spaced along said tape and secured to said flanges;

- barb pairs spaced along said tape, each of said barb pairs comprising a pair of tapered barbs secured to a barb root, said pair of barbs extending in opposing longitudinal directions, and each of said barbs forming a barb point;

- a first region of said elongate body adjacent to each barb root;

- a second region of said elongate body adjacent to each first region distal from said adjacent barb root; and

- a third region of said elongate body adjacent to each second region distal from said first region, each third region extending lengthwise from each second region and meeting a corresponding third region extending lengthwise away from another second region;

- wherein each second region extends transversely and inwardly from said adjacent first region and said adjacent third region.

Claim 9. (original) The structure of claim 13, wherein a width of each of the flanges in the each first region is greater than a width of each of the flanges in each second region, and wherein a width of each of the flanges in each third region is greater than a width of each of the flanges in each second region.

Claim 10. (canceled)

Claim 11. (canceled)

Claim 12. (original) The structure of claim 8, wherein a width of each of the flanges in each second region is equal to a width of each of the flanges in each third region.

The structure of claim 8, wherein a width of each of the flanges in each second region is equal to a width of each of the flanges in each third region.

Claims 13-15 (canceled)

Claim 16. (original) The structure of claim 8, wherein a distance between barb points of said pair of barbs is approximately the same as the distance between adjacent said second regions of said tape.

Claim 17. (canceled)

Claim 18. (canceled)

Claim 19. (original) The structure of claim 8, wherein said channel does not receive a reinforcing wire.

Claim 20. (original) The structure of claim 19, wherein said channel describes an arc extending between the flanges, the arc extending less than about 180° .

Claims 21-24. (canceled)

Claim 25. (original) The structure of claim 23, wherein said channel does not receive a reinforcing wire and wherein said channel describes an arc extending between the flanges, the arc extending about 180° .

Claim 26. (original) The structure of claim 23, wherein a width of each of the flanges in the each region is greater than a width of each of the flanges in each second region, and wherein

a width of each of the flanges in each third region is greater than a width of each of the flanges in each second region.

Claim 27. (canceled)

Claim 28. (Canceled)

Claim 29. (original) The structure of claim 23, wherein a width of each of the flanges in each second region is equal to a width of each of the flanges in each third region.

Claim 30. (canceled)